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DATE:

July 1, 2010

TO:

All Local Health Departments

Attn: Chief Food Inspection Officer

FROM:

A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS

Director, Food Protection Program

**SUBJECT:** 

Tri-Union Seafoods LLC Recall

## SUGGESTED

**ACTION:** 

Unclassified Recall; Due to a production error, the product does not meet the

company's standards for seal tightness; Recommend notification of affected stores via

phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the product being recalled was distributed in the State of Indiana. Tri-Union Seafoods' trace-back measures determined distribution of the product at retail was limited to 1,105 total cases. Detail information is not available at this time. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this

office at 317-233-7360.

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## Recall -- Firm Press Release

FDA posts press releases and other notices of recalls and market withdrawals from the firms involved as a service to consumers, the media, and other interested parties. FDA does not endorse either the product or the company.

## Tri-Union Seafoods Issues Precautionary, Voluntary Recall of Limited 12-Ounce Solid White Tuna in Water

## Contact:

Mike Rose or Rebecca Howe Nuffer, Smith, Tucker (619) 296-0605 mr@nstpr.com **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** – June 30, 2010 – San Diego – Tri-Union Seafoods LLC is issuing a precautionary, voluntary recall of a limited amount of Chicken of the Sea brand 12-ounce solid white tuna in water.

Due to a production error, the product does not meet the company's standards for seal tightness, and the company is conducting the precautionary, voluntary recall out of an abundance of caution to ensure public health, said Shue Wing Chan, president, Tri-Union Seafoods.

There have been no reported illnesses. Loose seals, or seams, could result in product contamination by spoilage organisms or by pathogens and lead to illness if consumed.

Tri-Union Seafoods' trace-back measures determined distribution of the product at retail was limited to 1,105 total cases in the states of Wisconsin, Nebraska, Utah, Pennsylvania, New York, Maine, Colorado, Indiana, California and Oregon. The Chicken of the Sea brand 12-ounce solid white tuna in water was distributed in February and May. Consumers who purchased the product with the UPC code 4800000262, "Best By Date 2/10/2014" and product code 7OA1E ASWAB, 7OA2E ASWAB, 7OA3E ASWAB, 7OA4E ASWAB, 7OA5E ASWAB, 7OA6E ASWAB or 7OAFE ASWAB are asked to call 1-877-843-6376 for return information and a full refund. The UPC code (also known as bar code) is found on the side of the can and the best by date and product code are imprinted on the bottom of the can. No other codes of solid white tuna in water or any other Chicken of the Sea products are affected by this voluntary recall.

"The health and safety of our customers and consumers is paramount. As soon as we discovered this production error, we took immediate steps in issuing this precautionary, voluntary recall, and alerting the appropriate regulatory authorities," said Chan. "We have notified all of our customers who have received the product and asked them to remove it from their shelves. Our immediate actions in this recall include re-evaluating our systems to ensure this error does not happen again."

Consumers looking for additional information can call 1-877-843-6376 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

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Photo: Product Labels